

A LETTER in a recent issue of the Philadelphia Press charges that \$50,000 have been raised by the liquor men to defeat the Local Option law, and is now in Harrisburg to be expended for that purpose.

While America has been suffering from the severest cold experienced for forty years, and England has seen snow, ice, and stormy weather to an extent entirely abnormal, in France the weather has been the mildest recorded for, it is said, a hundred years.

THE POOR RELATIONS IN PENNSYLVANIA.—There are some curious laws on the Pennsylvania statute-books. It was only the other day that mention was made of the law in this State which authorized a married man to refuse his mother-in-law access to his wife and to forbid his wife access to the church of her faith.

W direct attention to the advertisement in another column announcing a grand Mass Convention to be held in Philadelphia to-morrow, February 23d, to provide for the celebration, in 1876, of the Centennial anniversary of American Independence.

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Schuyler Colfax. In our judgment, and we think in the honest conviction of the whole American people, no public man in this country ever forfeited and destroyed his fair name and reputation so suddenly, and sank so low in public esteem, as Schuyler Colfax, Vice President of the United States.

THE ONE CRITERION OF WORTH.—not wealth, not conspicuousness. What have these men gained? It were better their names had never been upon the lips of the nation, and that they had remained in the obscurity of their native places.

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THE CATALOGUE OF NAMES IMPLICATED. Indeed a sermon should aim always at impartiality, but certain names are representative, stand for movements and causes, and to begin at the beginning, Mr. Senator Nye could not say to Vice President Colfax what he is represented to have said to Senator Patterson.

HOW PITIFUL, HOW SOLEMNLY SAID, this association in the light of these recent investigations, testimonies and concessions. How pitiful does Mr. Colfax mean when he asks for "a suspension of public opinion?" This is a solecism.

SPONGE-CAKE SORT OF RELIGION has been stock in trade which has paid him pretty heavily as large dividends as his credit stock. I hope the purification of Congress by its strange ludding together of all these conspicuously Christian men—the Christian statesmen par excellence—Patterson, Colfax, Pomeroy, Harlan, as the chief sinners, and that this purification is founded in the fact that insincerity—their religion, dramatic piety—is the most heinous sin against both man and God.

Up in a Paper Balloon. THE SINGULAR INTENTIONS OF AN AMBITIOUS AERONAUT. In the basement under the hat store of Bunting, in the Globe building, is being completed for an early voyage to the clouds, a mammoth balloon, made of brown wrapping paper, with which Donaldson, the daring aeronaut, of this city, proposes in a few weeks to make an ascension.

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EMIGRATION OF THE NEGROES.—A remarkable phenomenon is witnessed in the emigration of the negroes of the south. In North Carolina there seems to be a complete upheaval of the colored population. Almost every paper from that State contains accounts of the negroes emigrating in droves to the more southern States.

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News and Political Items. —The majority for license in Reading is 1,715. —In some districts of Elk county the majority for license is almost unanimous.

—A Lancaster county cat roasts with the chickens every night, balancing herself on a perch among the fowls, and seemingly quite contented with her resting place.

—Mrs. Nancy Kyle, of Connecticut, has been married twenty-three years, and has reared her husband for wages as a housekeeper, claiming \$15 a month for the twenty-three years.

—A Wisconsin teamster eaten by wolves. A Chicago correspondent of the N. Y. World, writing under date of Feb. 13th, says: Mail advices from the little town of New London, Wis., brings news of the discovery of a terrible tragedy near Ferry's Mills.

—A man at Lock Haven, Pa., recently found a waip's nest, with its occupants apparently all frozen to death. He was exceedingly throwing it about, when one of the insects fell down the back of his neck.

—The deaths of the past year in the Pennsylvania coal mines resulted from the following causes: By falls of coal, 25; falls of rock and top slate, 8; falls into rollers, screens and machinery, 4; explosions of gas, 17; explosions of powder, 3; discharge of blasts, 1; being crushed with mine wagons, 9; crushed with mine timbers, 3; falling in slopes, shafts, and from cages, 12; suffocation, 3; making the total 86, and of the number reported as injured only 27 have since died, swelling the actual mortality to 118.

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WORKING CLASS MADE OF PENNSYLVANIA. The working class of Pennsylvania is made up of a large number of men who are engaged in various occupations, and who are generally well-to-do.

PROF. FOWLER'S GREAT WORK. Prof. Fowler's great work, "The History of the United States," is now being published in several volumes.

AGENTS WANTED FOR THE SCENES IN WASHINGTON. Agents are wanted for the scenes in Washington, D.C., for the purpose of collecting specimens and other objects of interest.

Mason & Hamlin Cabinet Organ. THE ONLY American Musical Instrument of such extraordinary quality and price. It is made of the finest materials and is of the most perfect construction.

Register's Office. The Register's Office is now open for the reception of notices and advertisements. It is situated at the corner of Market and Second Streets.

Widows' Appraisement. The office of appraisement for widows is now open for the purpose of appraising the property of widows and distributing it to their heirs.

Warren Range. Warren Range is a first-class business for a reliable man with the assurance of making from \$200 to \$300 a year.

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